

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph on page 1, lines 8 to 10 as follows:

The present invention relates to a digital video recording apparatus and a method for recording audio and video signals to a recording medium digitally.

Please amend the paragraph on page 1, line 24 to page 2, line 4 as follows:

In the ~~figure~~ figure, a digital video recording apparatus 10 is composed of a user interface unit 11, ~~in an~~ input unit 12, an output unit 13, a detection unit 14, an encoder unit 15, a decoder unit 16, a storage unit 17, and a system control unit 18.

Please amend the paragraph on page 4, lines 13 to 15 as follows:

Here, the recording medium refers to a medium that such as a DVD-RAM (Digital Versatile Disk Random Access Memory) or an HD (Hard Disk).

Please amend the paragraph on page 8, lines 18 to 21 as follows:

In this way, the digital video recording apparatus 10 has a time lag of 5 frames ~~unit~~ until it stops recording, and 2 frames before it starts recording. Sound and video of the 5 frames until recording actually stops are recorded.

Please amend the paragraph on page 10, lines 19 to 24 as follows:

In view of the above-described problems, the object of the present invention is to provide a digital video recording apparatus and method in which unnecessary audio ~~an~~ and video is not

played back when using a commercial cut function or copyright protection function, and in which the processing load ~~in~~is small.

Please amend the paragraph on page 12, lines 5 to 16 as follows:

In addition, the detection unit detects a change in the attribute of the input video data from a first attribute to a second attribute and from the second attribute to the first attribute; and the first attribute and the second attribute are defined as one of (a) the first attribute being one of (i) stereo,(ii) monaural, and (iii) multiplex audio data, and the second attribute being one of (i), (ii), and (iii) and being different ~~to~~than the first attribute, and (b) the first attribute permitting copying video data to which a copy protect signal is attached, and the second attribute prohibiting copying of video data to which a copy protect signal is attached.

Please amend the paragraph on page 16, lines 13 to 21 as follows:

The change in the attribute is a change in the video data from a first attribute to a second attribute; and the first attribute and the second attribute are defined as one of (a) and (b), in (a) the first attribute being one of (i) stereo,(ii) monaural, and (iii) multiplex audio data, and the second attribute being one of (i), (ii), and (iii) and being different ~~to~~than the first attribute, and in (b) the first attribute permitting copying, and the second attribute prohibiting copying.

Please amend the paragraph on page 17, lines 5 to 13 as follows:

The change is a change in the video data from a first attribute to a second attribute; and the first attribute and the second attribute are defined as one of (a) and (b), in (a) the first attribute being one of (i) stereo, (ii) monaural, and (iii) multiplex audio data, and the second attribute being one of (i), (ii), and (iii) and being different ~~to~~ than the first attribute, and in (b) the first attribute permitting copying, and the second attribute prohibiting copying.

Please amend the paragraph on page 32, lines 4 to 8 as follows:

Here, encoding refers to a procedure for generating data in a MPEG (Moving Picture Experts Group) program stream format by encoding frame data (field data) sent from the input unit 202. This generated data will be referred to ~~as~~ as a "VOB" (Video Object) hereinafter.

Please amend the paragraph on page 40, line 23 to page 41, line 13 as follows:

In the following the start of recording to the start of the commercial will be the "first recording segment", the end of the commercial to the end of recording will be the "second recording segment", and the start of the commercial to the end of the commercial will be the "commercial segment". Furthermore, it will be assumed that when the detection unit 204 uses a switch in the audio mode signal from monaural to stereo to judge that the start of the commercial, when the broadcast proceeds ~~from~~ from the first recording segment to the commercial segment. In the same way, it will be assumed that the detection unit 204 uses a switch in the audio mode signal from stereo to monaural to judge that end of the commercial, when the broadcast proceeds from the commercial segment to the second recording segment.

Please amend the paragraph on page 53, lines 8 to 19 as follows:

Then, the system control unit 208 gives VOBU read instructions to the storage unit 207 for the VOBUs from the cell start time ("T1") to the cell end time ("T2") in the order that the VOBUs were recorded, has the storage unit 207 read the VOBUs which make up the VOB#1 stored in the recording medium, gives the decoder unit 206 a decode start instruction, and has the decoder unit 206 ~~decode the~~ decode the VOBUs. Then, the system control unit 208 measures the time that the decoder unit 206 will decode the VOBU corresponding to the cell playback end time ("T2"), and gives the decoder a decode stop instruction (step S712).